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Applicant herewith submits the following references for consideration in connection with the captioned application:

"Soncerbeilage" System Partners 98" Page 4, July 2, 1998

Dissertation by E.D. POTT, 1998 Pages 57-72

U.S. Letters Patent No. 6,253,548 B1

Copies of the references are attached hereto together with a PTO Form 1449.

The PTO Form 1449 indicates where in the specification reference is made to these references.

Two of the references are in the German language. For the "System Partners 98" reference a partial translation intended as a Statement of Relevancy has also been submitted.

It is noted that there is no requirement to translate a foreign language reference.

It is further noted that the relevancy of such a document may be indicated in the specification. The M.P.E.P. states in Sec. 609, A(3):

The concise explanation may be either separate from the specification or incorporated therein..."

In this case the concise explanation is contained within the specification. With respect to the 'System Partners 98' reference the concise explanation appears at page 1 lines 22-28.

The second reference is discussed at page 2 lines 11-18.

Consideration of these references is respectfully requested so that the duty of disclosure will have been met.

Respectfully submitted



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